

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 906

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to commend Leslie Erin Duffy for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Erin Duffy is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Bo Watson; Erin's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, after attending college at Appalachian State University, Ms. Duffy graduated from Tennessee State University (TSU) with her degree in Political Science in December of 2009; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded by her peers, she achieved academic success while dedicating her exceptional skills and leadership abilities to several student organizations, including participating as a member of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual University Wide Research Symposium and the Golden Key International Honour Society; and

WHEREAS, with a caring and compassionate heart, she has volunteered her time and energies to several noteworthy organizations, including the Sudanese Community and Women's Service Center, the Oasis Center, Harris-Hillman School, and the Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Duffy was recognized as writing the Most Outstanding Senior Thesis in the discipline of Political Science; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Erin brought her many abilities and

admirable qualities to Capitol Hill for the 2010 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, among her many and varied interests, she has an uncanny knowledge of Presidential trivia and, in challenging Senator Watson to a daily game of presidential facts, she is currently in the lead by a wide margin; and

WHEREAS, displaying her strong work ethic and dedication, she always arrived to work early, ready to take on any task assigned to her, whether researching a particular subject, responding to constituent issues, keeping Senator Watson on schedule, or running back and forth to the Capitol several times a day. She always performed her duties magnanimously with a smile on her face; and

WHEREAS, her co-workers hold her in high regard for her positive attitude and good humor and all agree that the session ran more smoothly due to her bright and cheerful presence in Senator Watson's office; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2010 legislative session, Erin Duffy has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum, surpassing all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and Senator Watson and his staff wish to thank Erin for her outstanding work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Leslie Erin Duffy for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Bo Watson and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.